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His Title Deeds.

Introducing Mr. TAFT at Spokane, the Governor of Washington is said to have said:

" We like TAPT because ROOSEVELT liked him Mr. TAPT, always amiable and willing to be liked, and not at all jealous, took to his bosom gratefully this strangest of compliments:

* Your Governor said you trusted ROOSEVEL

trust me. Now, I am glad to accept this method of winning your approval." The meek shall inherit the earth, and politician can't afford to show false pride in public.

"They Seemed to Enjoy It."

We learn from a letter, apparently mthentic, sent over the signature of WILLIAM LOEB, Jr., to a firm of lawyers in this town, that a woman who was compelled by customs officers to remove ome of her clothes was "amiable and good natured" and that her children med to enjoy the experience" when they were called on to undress. So the of its victims have described it, is in sale of public lands are not sufficient to

This, we fear, has not been generally and amusing incident of protection is tion or by a special fund derived from only another evidence of the public's bond issues, work must stop, what has inability to appreciate the beauties of already been done will be of no use, and the system. There are many persons great hardship will be inflicted on setestimony to the happiness caused by undressing brigade among some of those fortunate enough to fall into its ses and may fail to see wherein such an experience would contribute to their felicity.

We observe that the woman who had the good luck to be searched, and her activities? Should not a fee be paid by those who are treated to this entertain-

The Current Policy of the German Socialists.

The German Socialists assert that they are how the strongest political party in the nation, having 633,000 regular subcribers and more than three million supporters at the polls, seventy-four daily papers, and an income of a million They are certainly better organized than the Socialist party of any country, and instead of falling back toward their growing rivals elsewhere they have rather increased their original lead and the international on the earnings of corporations? ence which they won as pioneers of the movement. Their aims and vements are closely watched and often imitated abroad, and their annual

how far absolute independence of policy admiral C. H. STOCKTON, admitting should be sacrificed to immediate practure that every war had forced Key West tical advantages. The Germans were into "a position of utility and value, compromise; they adhered to the letter deep enough, it could not be success-of theoretical socialism with the fervor fully defended, and the railroad thread of metaphysicians; but it appears from of communications could be easily the proceedings at Leipzig that they are broken. He also deprecated the revival MOLKENBUHR, who opened the congress cations JEFFERSON DAVIS when Secreon behalf of the party managers, ven- tary of War had spent \$14,000,000. tured to say that "many of them would hardly recognize themselves as they Admiral STOCKTON, although he has to cane the basis of a petition for Governwere a few years ago, and would despise such narrow minded persons as they West at the time of the Spanish war. themselves once were." In dealing which were that it had no supply of with the principal concrete issue before fresh water, there was danger of yellow Congress district of the State, has come American flag has six rows of stars and that they it the congress was unmistakably utilifever epidemics, battleships would not forward with the usual demand upon are arranged as follows: In the first, third, the members who supported the Gov- no docking and repairing facilities or ernment's death duties bill-whereby the rich of course would be mulctedwere not generally approved; on the contrary, when Herr BEBEL, coming from a sick bed to give advice, declared it would be a misfortune to refrain from voting for the bill at the third reading and desirable town, the cisterns at the sentative J. FLOYD KING would besiege are in the Union? there was a storm of applause.

It may be assumed, then, that the German Socialist party will hereafter tend to support any legislation which nated at Key West, there is neither is directly or indirectly advantageous to the proletariat, no matter from what 360 days of sunshine in some part of the rafts, and Government tenders began to source it proceeds. On another kindred matter, however, the congress has been made deep enough for ships of decided in a very different spirit. It the Dreadnought class, with a width of after which the whole body of loafers us an order recently remarks that on November 15 he will reach his one hundred and sixth birth was foreseen that the recent parlia- from half a mile to a mile and a half. and dependents lived easily and merrily, mentary misfortunes of the Liberal- He admits that south of Key West Island with nothing to do but fish and hunt and Radical group would lead to advances there are isolated coral heads, but these take superior if contemptuous notice of bushels of corn an acre. We submit that our being made to the Socialists by a section of it, and the result was awaited expense and passage made between ing the desolation by which they were are isolated coral heads, but these take superior if contemptuous notice of bushels of corn an acre. We submit that our the heads are included in the nearby planters helplessly watching the desolation by which they were are isolated coral heads, but these take superior if contemptuous notice of bushels of corn an acre. We submit that our the heads are included in the heads are incl Radical group would lead to advances there are isolated coral heads, but these

Radicals as a party with which it was mpossible to cooperate and describing German Liberalism as a perpetual treason to working class interests. This attitude may or may not be pleasing to the bloc. It will probably facilitate it is likely to strengthen the parliamentary position of the Socialists in the long run may perhaps be inferred from recent history in France.

In the light of this congress the current policy of the German Socialists may amed up as opportunism in action with an uncompromising party line.

The Reclamation Fund.

When the Hon. FRANCIS G. NEW-LANDS, after many years of patient effort, got Congress to approve his plans for the irrigation of arid lands it was pointed out to the public that not a cent of money raised by taxation would be used to pay the bills. The reclamation fund was to be created out of the receipts from the sale of public lands, and this was to be reimbursed by instalments on the cost of the irrigation plants, to be paid annually by settlers over a period of years. Texas wanted to share in the benefits of the new service, but was sternly repulsed because her public lands had not been contributed to the nation.

No sooner had the plan for watering dry wastes been adopted than a movement was started for the draining of wet places at the national expense, and the most engaging estimates of the addition to the national wealth to be gained by building a series of canals in the Everand that because ROOSEVELT trusted me you glades of Florida, in the Great Dismal Swamp, in certain parts of Michigan, and in other States, have been presented in Congress and through the press. The cost of these great works, like that of the irrigation system, was to be repaid from the proceeds of the sale of land. There are, in addition to these proposals, several plans for improving and equalizing the water supply in other agricultural sections of the country, which are not without appeal to the farmers of the Atlantic coast, the South and the Mississippi Valley and the extreme West.

But it now appears that the reclamation fund as at present constituted is customs inquisition, instead of being a not adequate to meet the demands made hardship and terror, as a great number on it. The moneys arising from the reality a delightful and pleasing adven- pay for the "projects," as the patter of dure, adding materially to the joys of the service puts it, already under way. The administrators of the fund have undertaken so much work that they suspected, but the popular failure to can't pay the bills, and unless aid is understand and applaud this beneficent given from the money raised by taxawho even after reading the Collector's tlers who, deceived by the false promises of the Government, have moved into the lands to which water was to be taken. So President TAFT has promised to recommend to Congress that bonds to the amount of not less than \$10,000,000 be issued to make possible the continuance of the work.

As the country is economizing, as the the good luck to be searched, and her pleased children, contributed nothing to the public revenues. We think this is highly reprehensible. Should they not pay something for the entertainment they derived from the Government's the good luck to be searched, and her ting down their red tape accounts and treatment at Washington are all cutting down their red tape accounts and treatment ting down their red tape accounts and the first ward of Chicago can afford to despise, and undoubtedly do despise, the coarse advertising scheme attributed to them by the Chicago Tribune, a political. She was the mainspring of the Primpolitician. She was the mainspring of th departments at Washington are all cute it will unque lowed after a not too long period of time by similar authorizations for the a book of his poems. The title may be improvement of swamp lands in parts of of the Bath House." the country where the trouble is too conservation of the supply of water in those sections where it is too wet at one season and too dry at others.

An alluring prospect. The river and harbor bill is less enticing. Where in all this land can the hand of Government, liberally filled with gold, fail to better the work of the hand of GoD? And who of poems was dedicated to me I'd never be able cares what the tax rate is when we are to live down the disgrace. I've got troubles to have a Federal income tax, and already bask in the blessed light of a tax

Key West as a West Indian Naval Base.

Is Guantanamo, with its picturesque congress, at which the policy of the and wide spreading harbor, or is Key party is reviewed and its developments West, the point of land in a watery are foreshadowed, always excites a waste, the better West Indian base literature. And what soul open to the inspector detailed to look at our luggage was genwidespread interest.

In the United States The 1909 congress, held at Leipzig this divides the navy. In the United States and sing herself away over lines like month, has been chiefly occupied with Naval Institute Proceedings for Septem- these: one of the vital questions of contem- ber Commodore W. H. BEEHLER conporary socialism everywhere, namely, tends for Key West. Previously Rear formerly distinguished by their stern argued that it had inherent defects as opposition to the least suggestion of a base because the channels were not fast becoming much less quixotic. Herr of the Dry Tortugas, on whose fortifi-

Commodore BEEHLER takes issue with

reckon with the prejudices against Key no docking and repairing facilities or adequate storehouses, the town was unattractive. To all of which Commodore Brehler submits: The extension of the Florida East Coast Railway to Key West, completing overland communication, is converting it into a habitable and desirable town, the cisterns at the sentative J. FLOYD KING would besiege a rein the Union. The stars is star representing one of the States in the Union, namely, forty-six in all.

Citizen Gass's American flag has six rows of stars, eight stars to a row. Will the Registrar please tell what is meant by the two stars that ought not to be in the flag?

I wonder what the city paid for that flag? Can be that the official who bought it for a city public building really does not know how many States. naval station buildings now afford a pure water supply of 9,000,000 gallons annually, yellow fever has never origifrost nor fog, but an equable climate with

with curiosity. The congress decided the main ship canal, now used by the surrounded. These same planters were

adequate harbor for a battleship fleet, vital importance, is its strategic positanamo? Commodore BEEHLER mainthat frequently devastate Galveston, Pensacola and Charleston never touch Key West, which meteorologically occupies a strategic position; labor locally is efficient and not costly, and in an make a celebration for cheap demaemergency mechanics could be brought gogues. down quickly by the Florida East Coast only temporarily disabled by an enemy unless Key West were to be captured. Concerning comparative strategic values he says: " Guantanamo is regarded by some as having

superior strategic site to that of Key West be cause it is nearer Colon, and the direct route from New York to Colon. But this route can also be dequately commanded from Key West on the Key West-Porto Rico strategic line of force, and at the same time Key West commands the other approaches to Colon, the Gulf of Mexico and the Commodore BEEHLER would relegate Guantanamo to the position of a coaling

station because the local labor is scarce and incompetent, there is no direct overland communication with the United States, it is in a foreign country, it has a poor water supply, its harbor needs much improvement, and there is no American trade to justify a large outlay of money (whereas the railroad strategists have selected Key West for a great commercial port in relation to the Panama Canal), the climate is malarial, it is an earthquake region, it is not defensible from the rear. He urges that far from abandoning the Dry Tortugas it should be used as a coaling depot, for it has spacious sheds, two fine steel piers, and a channel thirty feet deep; the barracks and other buildings are in excellent condition, the water supply is ample and with its "magnificent climate" it would make an "ideal naval prison," the operate the coaling plant. In conclusion Commodore BEEHLER says:

" Conservatism and prejudice should not preent its development, and further investigation of the advantages of Key West will probably re sult in making it the West Indian naval base."

Guantanamo has its advocates, and they are strong in number and prolific in arguments, but Commodore BEEHLER makes out a very plausible case for Key West. Its most attractive feature is that it would be a home as well as a West Indian naval base.

Bath House John's Newest Gem.

Alderman JOHN J. COUGHLIN is going to publish

"This is in fulfilment of a threat made by th much, not too little, water, and for the poet laureate of the city council five years ago. The book will be dedicated to his colleague, Alderman MICHAEL KENNA.

" KENNA declared last night that if COUGHLE dared to do any dedicating to him he would su him for slander and libel. " 'I told him "No." that I wouldn't allow my

name to be used in the book.' he said. 'and also served notice on the publisher. If that book enough without that."

" 'Just you wait till MIKE sees the illustration and he'll jump at the chance.' was Alderman COUGHLIN'S reply. 'MIKE, you know, don't understand the literary game. Automobiling is his hobby."

The Hon. HINKY DINK and the Hon. BATH HOUSE JOHN appreciate each other. Mr. DINK fully understands all most unfavorable impression on landing at the games and is passionately devoted to pier in New York. While I must admit that the

" O lower berth, to thee I sing, Your downy couch is fit for king. In MORPHEUS' arms I slumber deep; The train rolls on while I'm asleep."

Simple and perfect lay! Once more Chicago is the capital of American literature; Indianapolis and North Carolina hide their shame flushed faces.

Politics in Louisiana.

We rather expected that some particularly energetic, frugal and far seeing member or members of the Louisiana delegation would make the recent hurriment assistance. That forecast was eminently accurate. The Hon. Robert be an American flag. other spurs to idleness, we suppose.

the Federal authorities for means of rescue. Then the order would go forth, the fleet on the Hudson, who called my attention The working people, together with the to the "falsity," as he termed it. of the flag! lazy and improvident swampers, gathered together on hastily constructed day, and the west channel by dredging visit them regularly, first with tents and then with rations at convenient intervals, F. Youngblood of Saltillo, Tex.. who in sending

against any entangling alliance. A Hamburg-American steamships draw-desperately in need of labor and quite resolution was adopted denouncing the ing twenty-eight feet, and the west willing to pay for it. They wanted to ing twenty-eight feet, and the west willing to pay for it. They wanted to channel. If Commodore BREHLER is right, Key fields, plant belated crops for domestic West with no considerable outlay for subsistence, for forage, and possibly dredging and blasting would afford an for seed cane. As they sat on their beadequate harbor for a battleship fleet, leaguered verandas and watched their the rich nor down on the poor; who can but there are other things to be consid- abandoned premises and marked the lose without squeating and who can win leaguered verandas and watched their its tactics for the time being, but that ered: could it be made invulnerable to hilarious population of the rafts and attack upon the front or from the rear; occasional highlands, they may have would it be a healthful place as a naval formed unmentionable theories of the would it be a healthful place as a naval lorined uninellistication which had other people have theirs."

rendezvous; would it be safe from debeneficent Federal treatment which had other people have theirs."

FRANK W. CONING. mechanical labor be available; and, of opportunity. They wanted laborers, but could not get them. Every lazy loafer tion to be preferred to that of Guan- who sat and sunned himself upon the rafts and remaining levees and slept, tains that formidable defences could full bellied, with the languor of free food be constructed on the outer reefs at and shelter to bull him to sweet and Key West to protect the approaches; irresponsible slumber, might have done summer as well as winter the ocean useful-nay, imminently urgent-work breezes insure salubrity; the cyclones for civilization and been handsomely paid for it. But the Government, at

the instigation of alert and shallow

politicians, stepped in, and whole years

of reconstruction were postponed to

It is so at the present moment. A Railway, which he declares could be hurricane has swept over the southern coast of Louisiana. Rickety fishing and hunting resorts have been carried away, as might have been expected, and a few persons have been killed and drowned, though so far as we can see they have only themselves to blame. The question of the survivors seems to afflict Representative BROUSSARD, and straightway he unloads his woes upon the Government. Whether this is to exalt him as a prophet who has tapped the rock and released great streams of richness of to exhibit him as a patriot driven in tatters to a last resort, we do not undertake to say. It is a fact, however, that the old conditions have been reproduced. Sugar grinding begins in Louisiana within two weeks, and every planter from Gretna to New Iberia will need help. Every one of the survivors of this tornado can be provided for if the Government will leave them alone, and in the three months of the sugar making eason now at hand the industrious can make enough to rebuild all the shacks and hovels that have been destroyed. For the dead we can do nothing. For the living, however, it is a question between charity and honest

Submitted with apologies to Repre entative BROUSSARD and his coad-

Having exhausted all his parts of English speech, the janitor of the Star Eyed convicts of which could be employed to Goddess is in London wreaking himself

" The War of the Fronde ("fronde" is French for baby's rattle)." So it was with a baby's rattle that DAVID knocked out the heavyweight cham-

With characteristic generosity the Board of Aldermen issued two or three times as many tickets for its Hudson-Fulton reviewing stand as there were seats on it Did the Board of Aldermen ever do anything that it did not make a mess of?

Women and Politics.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It is an

writes:
"For many years I worked strenuously on be

hustle and bustle of the committee re nustie and bustle of the committee rooms, mar-shalling our forces and hearing the hourly re-ports of the campaign made me feel like a gen-eral holding a council of war in the heat of a bat-tle. * Sometimes we would drive into the fields, climb the hayricks and fall upon our unwary prey (the farm laborer) at his work. There was no escaping us. Party feeling ran high, and in outlying districts we would frequently be pursued by our opponents, jeering and shouting at us; but this we rather enjoyed."

The women of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho vote for all offices from President of the United States down, but this does not make them nearly so conspicuous or take them nearly so much away from home as Mrs. George Cornwallis West's way of exerting "woman's indirec ALICE STONE BLACKWELL DORCHESTER, Mass., September 27

The Customs Inspectors Incompetent as Well as Prying.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: On return remotely located for his eagle eye, and always the question, "Did you declare this?" The paper he held clearly indicated every purchase and gift exceeding present value because the articles had

been worn.

The people are justly angered at this new procedure, because it is humiliating. There is no point in forcing people to submit a declaration, often under the hundred dollar limit, and then challenging each statement. The inspectors are not so bad as they are pictured, but they know very little about the values of things displayed for their scrutiny. As your Brussels correspon dent said, it is a rude experience after Europe, where the traveller's word is rarely questioned I was ashamed before our English companions who are only waiting for opportunities to criticise us unfavorably.
NEW YORE, September 29.

The Flag Mr. Gass Files.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Over the main entrance. Chambers street side, of the Hall of Records, there floats a large flag supposed to

and fifth rows, seven stars, each star represent-

SCHOOLSOY (Grammar Scho

Mr. Youngblood of Saltillo. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: We wish

"GENTLEMAN." Attempt to Define the Term

Satisfactorily. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Just to settle this raging controversy, guess I'll have to give you the real definition of a real gentleman: "A man that's clean inside and out; who neither looks up to without bragging; who is considerate of women, children and old people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat, and who takes his share of the world and lets

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., September 29.

Prefers "Man."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Original inally "gentleman" was simply a desig nation, not a description, meant to apply to men occupying a certain conventional social position. It had no reference to the qualities of mind, heart, soul. extreme. Some moderns would give the term exclusively an ethical application; this is the other extreme. Both are wrong.

and did include liars, robbers, murderers, ads of pitiable degree; the latter may appl o your servants, many of whom. I am thank Between the two extremes no man has ever yet drawn a proper mean or framed a definition that will not shut out or include too many. No man ever will devise such a

"Trivial" has now no reference to a meet ng place of three roads, nor "sincere" any relation to wax, nor "person" to an actor' mask. Nor, for that matter, has the mod ern word "gentleman" any necessary con-nection with the word in its ancient origin. so I vote for the extinguishment of the old 'round in a circle discussion and for the use of the good old Saxon "man," which was the word universally employed by my people in my boyhood, by those whom I delight to honor with the term. OLD FASHIONED. honor with the term. OL BROOKLYN, September 29.

Drop the Word, a Woman Says. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Being of the opposite sex it is possible that per spective allows me a truer generalization of the subject at present under discussion in The Sun respecting the definitions of "gentleman" than the self-conscious champions and detractors of that hallowed term. To begin with, I must confess that I agree with "S. F." that "gentleman" and "aristo-crat" are inclusive, that originally they were interchangeable with a single significance birth; but I hasten to add that I have suggestion to offer as a way out of the labyrinthine difficulties without loss of self-

respect to either party: Drop the term! Both "lady" and "gentleman" have b o misused and abused, so tiresomely con ended over, that they are now worn thread pare. Let them be carefully laid away in the archaic storeroom and labelled "obso-lete," and let the next generation start in with an indifference to the term, but a realization of what it always should have represented, an open minded, red blooded morally fearless individual of the highes culture individually attainable. This con-ception will, I think, clear the field of all artificially protected interests and give every

man a fair start.
NEW YORK, September 29.

St. Paul and Others.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: What now-and it would really be much more sat isfactory at the present moment to deter-mine the status of a lady—in my country England, money used to be the criterion. In 1705 a man of one of the oldest and finest families in the county died. The vica when registering the burial wrote: "Gentleman, but not worth £300," To the lowe one who does not work for a living, while 'Arry is always going to be a "gentleman" when he takes an 'oliday. He is proud in any case to be considered (which perhaps is somewhat different) a "gent."

To my mind a gentleman should have the qualifications of charity and a delicacy of behavior toward women. He should give place and yield to all with whom he

that charity which alone endures forever, n his interview with King Agrinn NEW YORK, September 29.

A Keystone Kentuckian's Notion.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Pray et an old Kentuckian offer his idea of what frank urbanity, total unwillingness to give level headed good nature; kindliness tact fully exercised through clear sense that duly appreciates current circumstances involving the personal rights, privileges and susceptibilities of others; and, while justly regarding these, acting on what they generally suggest so considerately and so grace fully that a pleasurably heartfelt recogni-tion of finest decency is inspired in others. This and more that is righteous is always

haracteristic of gentility, without which no man is properly a gentleman-birth ocial position, schooling, wealth, authority and surface manners-be these all what they may, and to the contrary notwith-CLARK WILLIAMSON. standing. MILFORD, Pa., September 27.

Possibly He Takes Off the Shirt.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I would like to ask "Bath Guide" what a gentleman does when the cuffs attached to hi can be washed. Has "Bath Guide" a method of hiding their sqiled appearance until it is time to send the shirt to the laundry? SCHENECTADY, September 28. D. T. H.

DUCHESS AHOY! Tribute of Gratitude From a Rescued Motor Boat Commander.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: That gentle folk are not extinct was proved by an experience I had last Sunday. Anchored with a friend in a disabled motor boat five miles east of Rockaway Point, eighteen hours without food and twice as long with out sleep, I spent all night on the lookout for steamers, that often barely missed running us down and then passed without quite swamping us. During Sunday morning some seventy-five pleasure and other vessels passed, at various distances, paying no attention to our reversed American flag or to any of our other appeals for help. Finally I thought of cutting the cable and drifting down with the breeze, but finding it stiff from the northwest, which would have meant that our next stop would be the Cape Verdes, 3,000 miles away, I refrained. Our supplies consisted only of a can of peaches and three cigars.

At last the sloop Duchess bore down on us, and instead of merely acceding to our request to take a message ashore she stood by until we got a line aboard; then she dropped a man back through the heavy sea in a dingy with food and supplies, and beat up the wind for two hours, dragging our helpless 6,000 pound hull to a Gravesend anchorage. Casting us off in good shape, the people on the Duchess sailed off down the wind without comment or question.

We don't know then names of our good Samaritans, but our heartfelt thanks go out to them.

Philip Everett. ing some seventy-five pleasure and other

A Buckeye Invitation.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Tell "H. H." of Brooklyn, whose letter of September 23 shows that he prefers annihilation of his soul to its existence beyond the grave in a realm like Brooklyn, to come out to the Ohio Valley, where a generous father, with joy in his heart and delight in his soul, laughed with satisfaction as he designed in these regions a real playground for his children, know how poor "H. H." must feel, for I spent I know bow poor "H. H." must feel, for I spent three weeks in Brooklyn one Sunday afternoon. get here. He'll see then that there can be no

NATHAN HALE'S DEATH. Serious Historical Error in the Hu

Fulton Souvenir. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I the official souvenir of the Hudson-Fulton celebration authorized by the commission

Nathan Hale is known to every the author of the famous phrase "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

as a spy. It further adds, "He was shot on the

It ought to be known to every Americ that Nathan Hale was not shot. The ig-nominy of the rope was added to the deep damnation of his taking off; and the statedamnation of his taking off; and the state-ment of this official publication is an in-excusable bit of carelessness, the more to be regretted since its official character may give it a wide circulation. Hale's

At the very moment when the tightened co was to crush the life from his young body forever, he elaculated, as a last immortal testament of his heroic soul to the world he was leaving. "I ountry!

ncorrectly quoted in the souvenir.

History would have been changed to some extent had it been the bullet, and not the cord, that ended Hale's life; for André's death on the scaffold followed Hale's it was the fate of Hale that filled him with

He begged Major Tallmadge, who was charged with his custody, to tell him how his act would be viewed by General Washington and a military tribunal. I quote from Major Tallmadge's account:

When I could no longer evade his importunity, or put off a full reply. I remarked to him as follows: "I had a much loved classmate in Yale College by the name of Nathan Hale, who entered the army in the year 1775. Immediately after the battle of Long Island General Washingto after the battle of Long Island General Washington wanted information respecting the strength and probable movements of the enemy. Captain Hale tendered his services, went over to Brooklyn, and was passing the outposts of the enemy on his return. Said I, with emphasis, 'Do you remember the sequel of this story?' 'Yes,' said André, he was hanged as a spy, but you surely do not consider his case and mine allke?" I replied, "Yes, precisely similar, and similar will be your fate." He endeavored to answer my remarks, but it was manufact he was more troubled. narks, but it was manifest he was more

André in prison dreaded the gibbet and implored to die the soldier's death, by the "I was conducted within one of

The stern exigencies of war were deaf to his appeals, and it was with a heavy heart and unwilling hand that Washingt signed the death warrant that condemned him to the gallows. And then dauntlessly too, like Hale, he gave himself up to that "tremendous swing," as an eye witness reports it, which almost instantly closed his mortal career.

This is history that "every American citizen" should know and that many do. Certainly the fine statue by Macmonnies that stands in the City Hall Park is that of a man standing in the shadow The brief notice in the official souvening

pardonable neglect. Walter Learned. eems a bit of incredible ignorance or un-NEW LONDON, Conn., September 28.

COMMODORE NUTT.

Death of a Once Famous and Popu Character.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It seems only yesterday that we turned out to see the biggest show on earth; only yesterday that we found ourselves breathless with excitement as the circus band brase-fully betokened the approach of Jumbo the wonderful. Those were the sunny days which periodically found us on the schoolroom platform reciting the metrical adventures of "Darius Greene and His Flying Machine," the golden age we nurtured mysterious awe of any such thing as the possibility of the discovery of the north pole. Our grandfathers had been passengers on Robert Fulton's Cler vent of electricity's utility, and we dreamed of nothing more marvellous than Jumbo; nothing jollier than Mr. and Mrs. Tom

Thumb and their troupe.

Now comes the news of the death of Commodore Nutt at Dorchester. Our children never heard of him, we had almost forgotten him, and only an occasional tiny paragraph has appeared here and there to chronicle the passing away of this last male survivor of Barnum's famous troupe of little men and women. Sixty-nine years is a ripe old age for liliputian humanity. Perhaps this may be put to the credit of Commodore Nutt's later taking to real estate, though longevity is not rare with circus people; but it would have broken our hearts, in those long away days, to have entertained the thought that Commodore Nutt might some day not be with us. How he loved us, and what pains he took to please the little boys and the little girls who looked in wonderment upon him!

Commodore Nutt? We had forgotten him until to-day; but it all comes back to us, and out of our ceaseless busy hours we

until to-day; but it all comes back to us, and out of our ceaseless busy hours we take a moment to look forth from our window, out into the past of retrospection from which Time is weaving the web of the measure of generations. Good-by, Commodore Nutt! May our children find as good a friend as our childhood's holiday knew. WILLIAM ALLEN.

NEW YORK, September 29.

What Impressed Him.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: When the Hudson-Fulton celebration began I told our folks I was going to wander up and down making notes I was going to wancer up and down making notes and finally writing out the whole for their children and their children's children, and bearing down hard on what was actually the most impressive thing of the show. I found this Saturday, and even though the celebration should last a month I could find no more striking object. It was not the warships with their big guns and the accommending thought of how much would be left of just sixty minutes with loaded guns; it was not just sixty minutes with loaded guns; it was not the immense crowds beginning at the waterfront and sloping up for thirty stories; it was not the sight of thousands of the most wonderful fire-works, nor the beauty of the buildings and bridges into my memory as the sight of a man, one among millions, who on September 25 was still wearing straw hat.

"'Way Down On the Suwance River." TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Your article on Southern melodies in a recent issue of THE SUN recalled to my mind a history of the song

"'Way Down On the Suwanee River," that w published about 1870, to the best of my reco lection, in the Cincinnati Commercial. The article stated that the composer desired of his friends the name of a river with two syllables, and Suwanee was suggested and adopted: ever having visited the place. Perhaps some reader of TRE SUN will remembe the date and place of publication. B.

NORFOLE, Va., September 28.

The Engines of the North America. To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Mr. E. A. Hart asks for information in reference to the beam engines of the steamboat North America. The Scientific American is right. The steamboat trict and remember the North America distin-The book mentioned by Mr. Hart made a grea NEW YORK, September 27.

Wild, Strange Song of a Golfer. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: I played goif yesterday with a bag of clubs I had never seen before; beat a man who nearly always beats me, on his own course too; made a medal score

of 94; played better than I knew how. Where upon, in humble gratitude, I uttered this formula Strange clubs Help dubs.

OPEN DOOR IN MANCHURIA. Possible Violation in the Recent Protocol

Between China and Japan. Washington, Sept. 29.—Secretary of State Knox has not yet decided upon a course of action to be pursued by the State Department in regard to the re protocol between China and Japan for the improvement of the Antung-Mukden Railroad. Several reports have been received at the Department tending to show that China has granted exclusive show that China has granted exclusive and perpetual mining concessions in Man-churia to the Japanese Government in the protocol. The Department is awaiti more complete official information from its diplomatic and consular office in Orient before deciding whether or not a protest will be made against the proto on the ground that it is a violation of the

It became known here recently that is winter an understanding was reached between Elihu Root, then Secretary of State, and Baron Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese Ambassador to the United States, who was recently recalled, that Japan would take no action in China which on its face menaced the "open door policy without giving due notice in ad-

vance to the United States.

Several months ago a serious dispute arose between China and Japan over the improvement, of the Antung-Mulden railroad. This railway was originally built during the Russo-Japanese war as a military road and was hastily constructed. Recently Japan made preparations to improve the railroad for comparations to improve the railroad for comparations to improve the railroad for comparations. structed. Recently Japan made preparations to improve the railroad for commercial purposes and notified the Chinese Government of its purpose. One of the principal features of the improvement was to widen the tracks to standard gauge. China opposed this improvement and after several diplomatio notes had been exchanged on the subject a dead-lock resulted.

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Finally Japan served notice upon China that she intended to make the improvements without China's consent and also intended to use military torce, if necessary, if the Chinese Government attempted to prevent the improvement. The opposition of the Chinese Government was ultimately overcome and a protocol was signed by representatives of China and Japan setting forth the terms of the improvement.

The State Department has received several telegraphic synopses regarding the terms of the protocol, which indicate that Japan has obtained valuable and exclusive mining concessions in Manchuria. As soon as the complete text of the protocol.

clusive mining concessions in Manchuria. As soon as the complete text of the protocol is received at the State Department the question as to the affivisability of making a formal protest against the terms of the protocol will be considered.

TABLET OF FORT AMSTERDAM. Founders and Patriots Put One Up in

A bronze tablet was unveiled yesterday morning in the vestibule of the New York Custom House. The tablet was presented the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, commemorative of old Fort Amsterdam, on the site on which the Custom House now stands. The design, prepared by Charles R. Lamb, consists of a miniature plan of Fort George, which was the successor of the older fort on the same site, with an explanatory key, and the lower half is inscribed as

On this site

Fort Amsterdam was erected 1628
and its successor
Fort George was demolished 1780
to commemorate the exploration
of the Hudson River
By Heary Hudson in September 1609
The founding of New Amsterdam
May 4 1629
and the establishment of
American Independence 1775-1783
This tablet is placed by
The New York Society of the Order of the
Founders and Patriots of America
September, 1909.

George Clinton Batcheller, LL. D., governor of the Society of Founders and Patriots, introduced the speakers, of which there were several. Col. Prime, the founder of the order, made the present and after the tablet entation speech, and after the had been unveiled Collector of the William Loeb, Jr., accepted it on

TO MARGARET CORBIN.

Tablet Unveiled on the Site of Fort Washington, New Fort Tryon.

As a part of the celebration there unveiled yesterday on the site of Fort Washington, now called Fort Tryon, a Washington, now called Fort Tryon, a large bronze tablet to commemorate the battle that took place there and the part played by Margaret Corbin, the first American woman to act as a soldier, in the fight. The tablet was put up under the auspices of the American Society through the generosity of C. K. G. Billings.

The place selected as the site for the tablet was immediately below the remaining breastworks of the old fort facing Fort Washington avenue. The tablet was mounted on a granite shaft and beside it is an old Colonicl field piece. It bears this inscription:

On this hilltop stood Fort Tryon
The northern outwork of Fort Washington
Its gallant defence against
The Hessian Troops
by
The Maryland and Virginia
Regiment
16 Novamber 1776
was shared by
Margaret Corbin
The first American woman to take a soldier's
part in the War for Liberty.

The tablet was designed by Charles R. amb, chairman of the Hudson-Fulton commission's committee on decoration.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The collier Brutus has sailed from Newport News to Boston, the collier Hannibal from News port News to Bradford, R. I., and the tug Rocket from Norfolk for Indian Head and Washington.

Washington.
The torpedo boats MacDonough, Thernton, Tingey and Wilkes have arrived at Chester, Ill.; the torpedo boats Hull and Whipple at Bremerton, and the cruiser Tacoma at Cristobal.

Army and Navy Orders. WASHINGTON, Sept. 29 .- These army orders were issued to-day:

Pirst Lieut. Norman L. McDiarmid, Medical
Corps, from Fort Sam Houston to Jefferson
barracks.

First Lieut. Fred W. Hershier, Fourth Cavalry, is detailed for general recruiting service.
First Lieut. Herman N. Bundezen, Mcdical Reserve Corps. to Fort D. A. Russell.
The retirement of Major Robert J. Duff, Second Coveries, is announced.

These navy orders were issued:
Midshipman G. K. Calhoun, from the Delphin and continue treatment at Naval Medical School Hospital, Washington, D. C. Passed Assistant Paymaster W. D. Sharp, from the Monterey to Galveston.

Passed Assistant Paymaster W. G. Nelli, from the Galveston to the Charleston.

Assistant Paymaster H. Dial, from naval challon, Cavite, to the Monterey.